

FIG. 1 is a flowchart illustrating a process for determining the most efficient mode of transport for a shipment. The process begins at a START POINT (11) where a NEW MOVE is initiated. This leads to a DATA COLLECTION step (12), which then feeds into a SPLIT decision point (13). From the SPLIT point, the process branches into three parallel paths: AIRLINE SHIPMENT (14), RAILWAY SHIPMENT (15), and TRUCK RENTAL (16). Each path leads to a JOIN point (17), which then proceeds to a BILLING step (18) and finally to an END point (19). The flowchart is labeled with the number 10 in the top right corner.

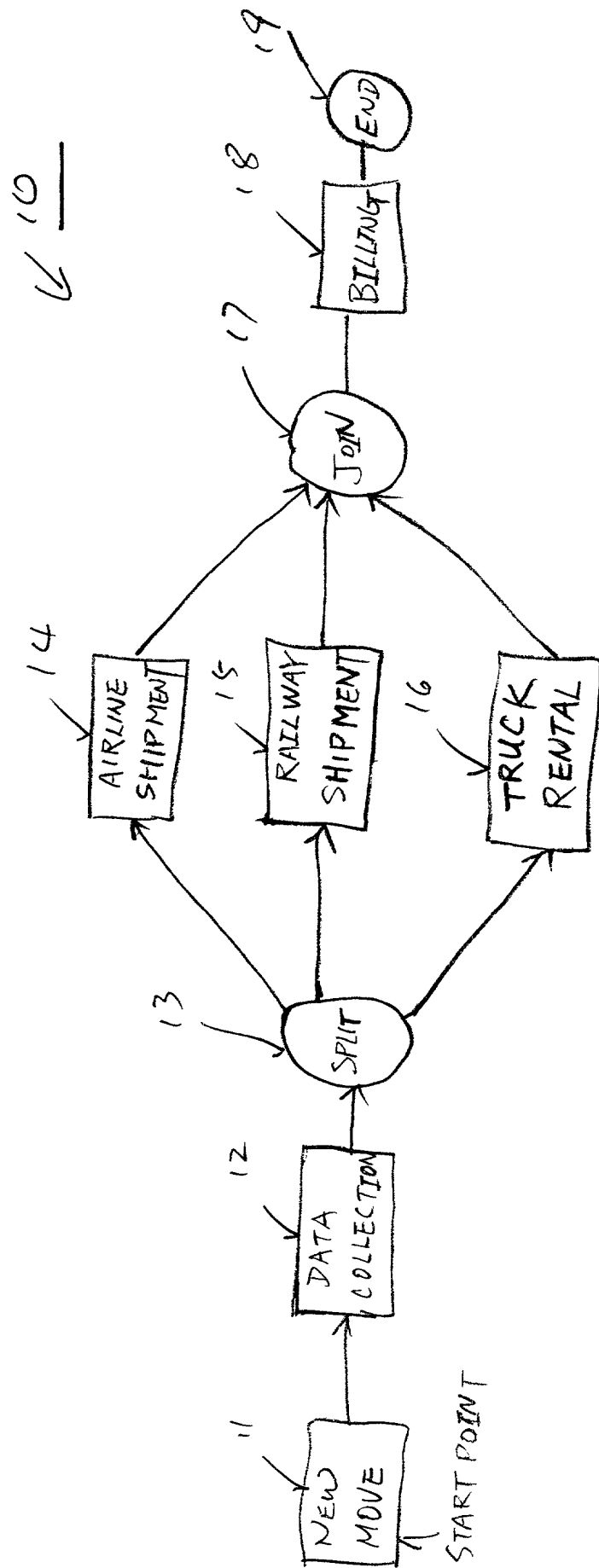
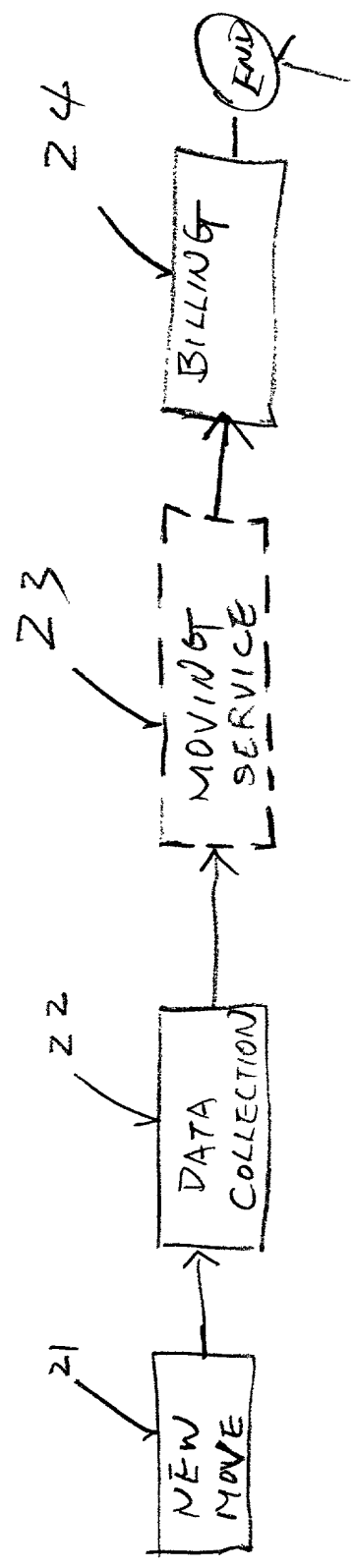


FIGURE 1 (PRIOR ART)



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DATA ITEMS  
CUSTOMER NAME : DATA 1  
LOCATION : DATA 2  
COST : NUMBER  
CUSTOMER-REQUIREMENT: VECTOR

FIGURE 2

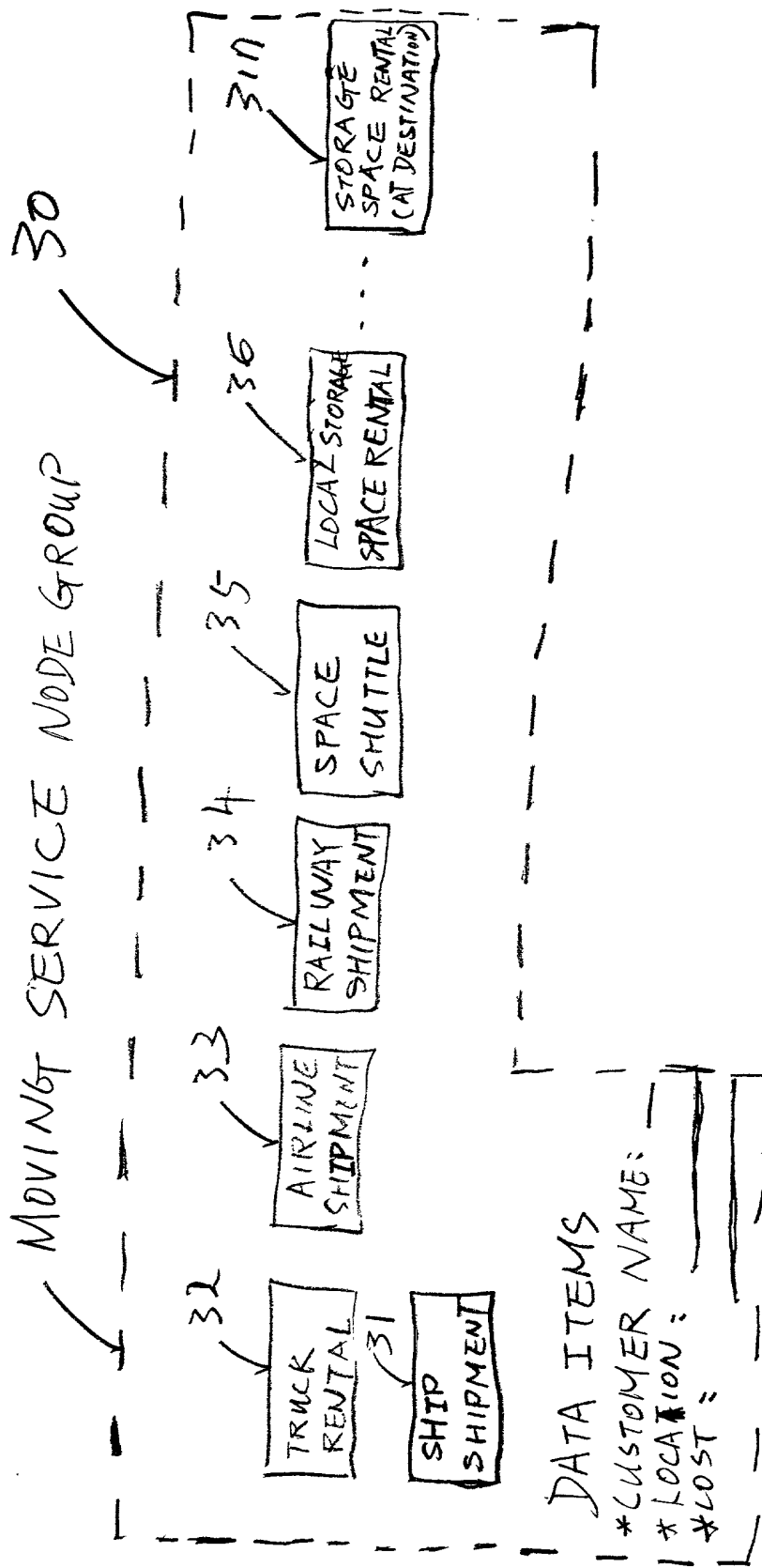


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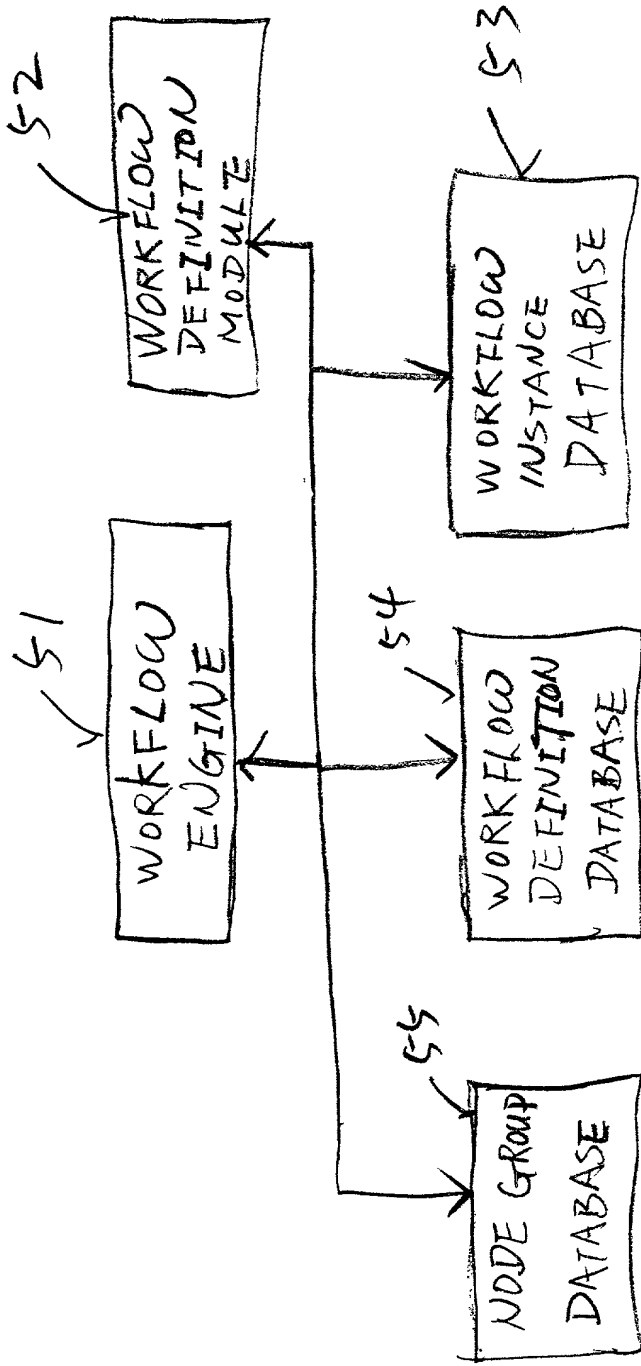


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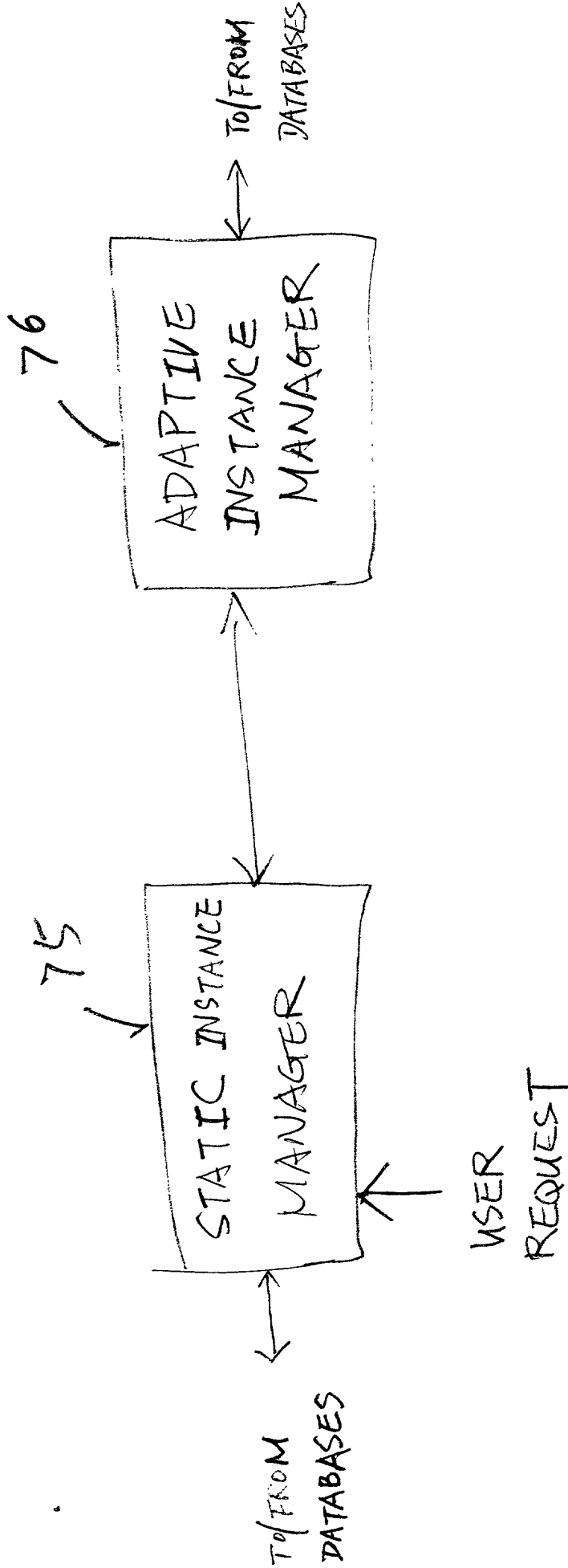


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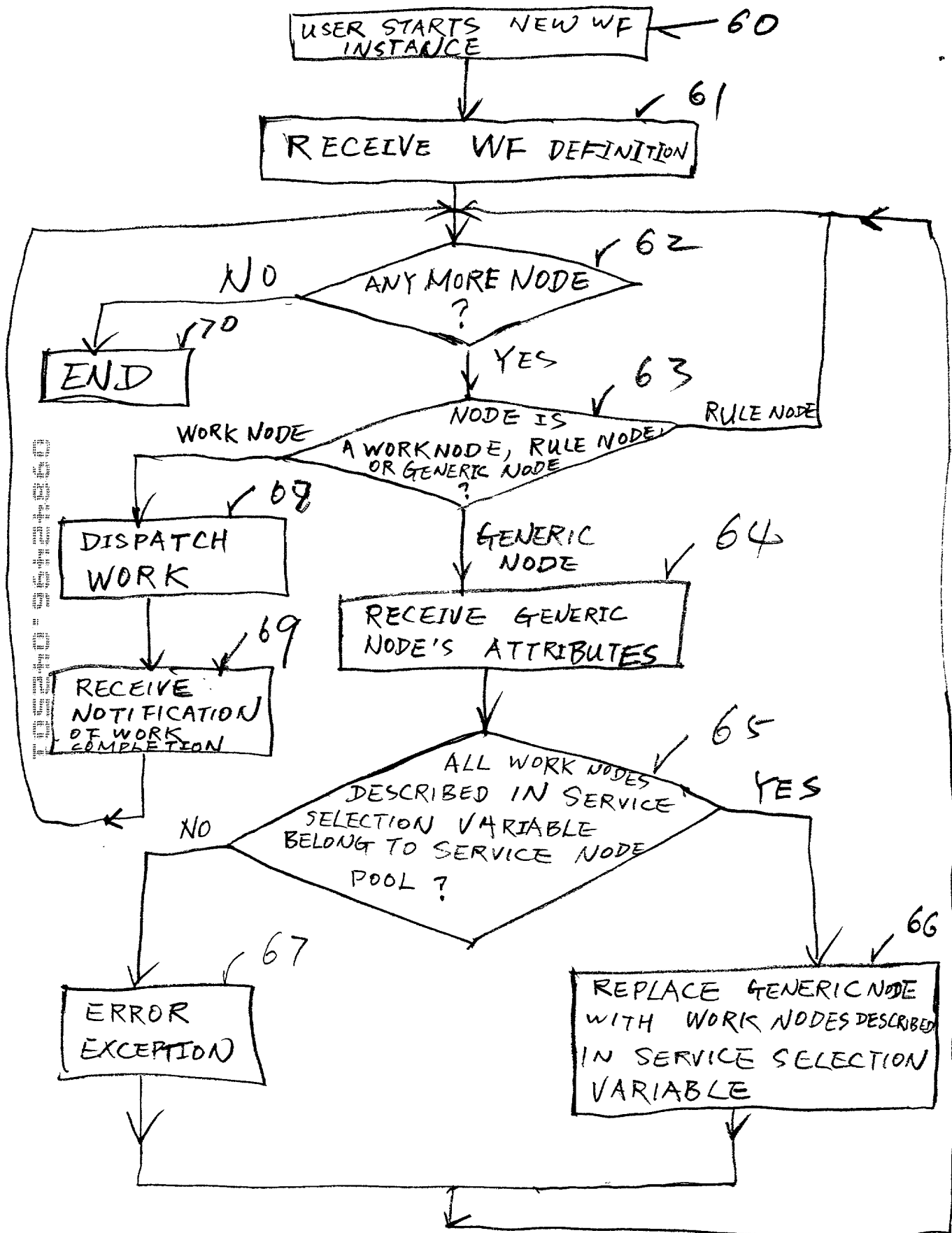


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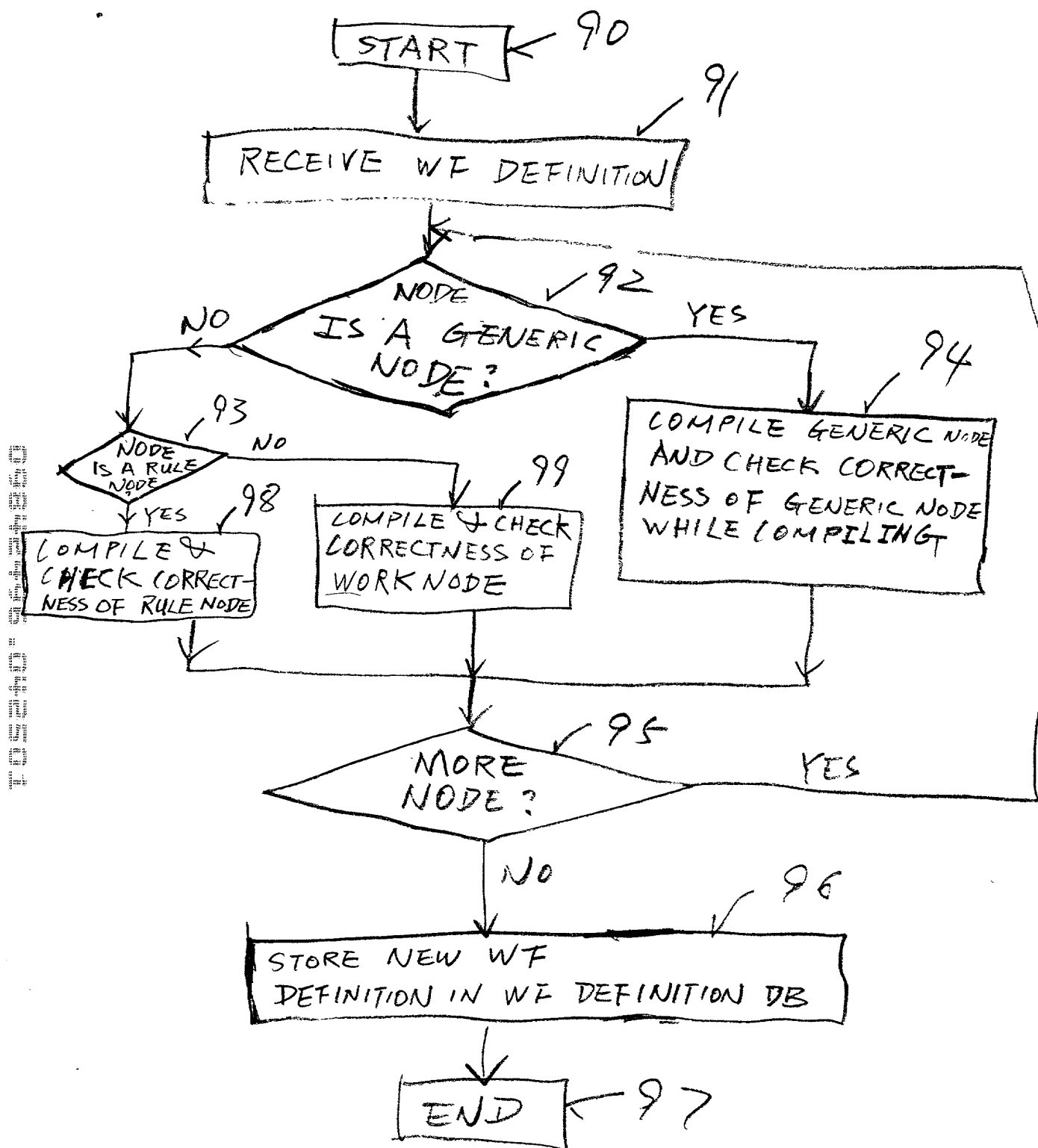


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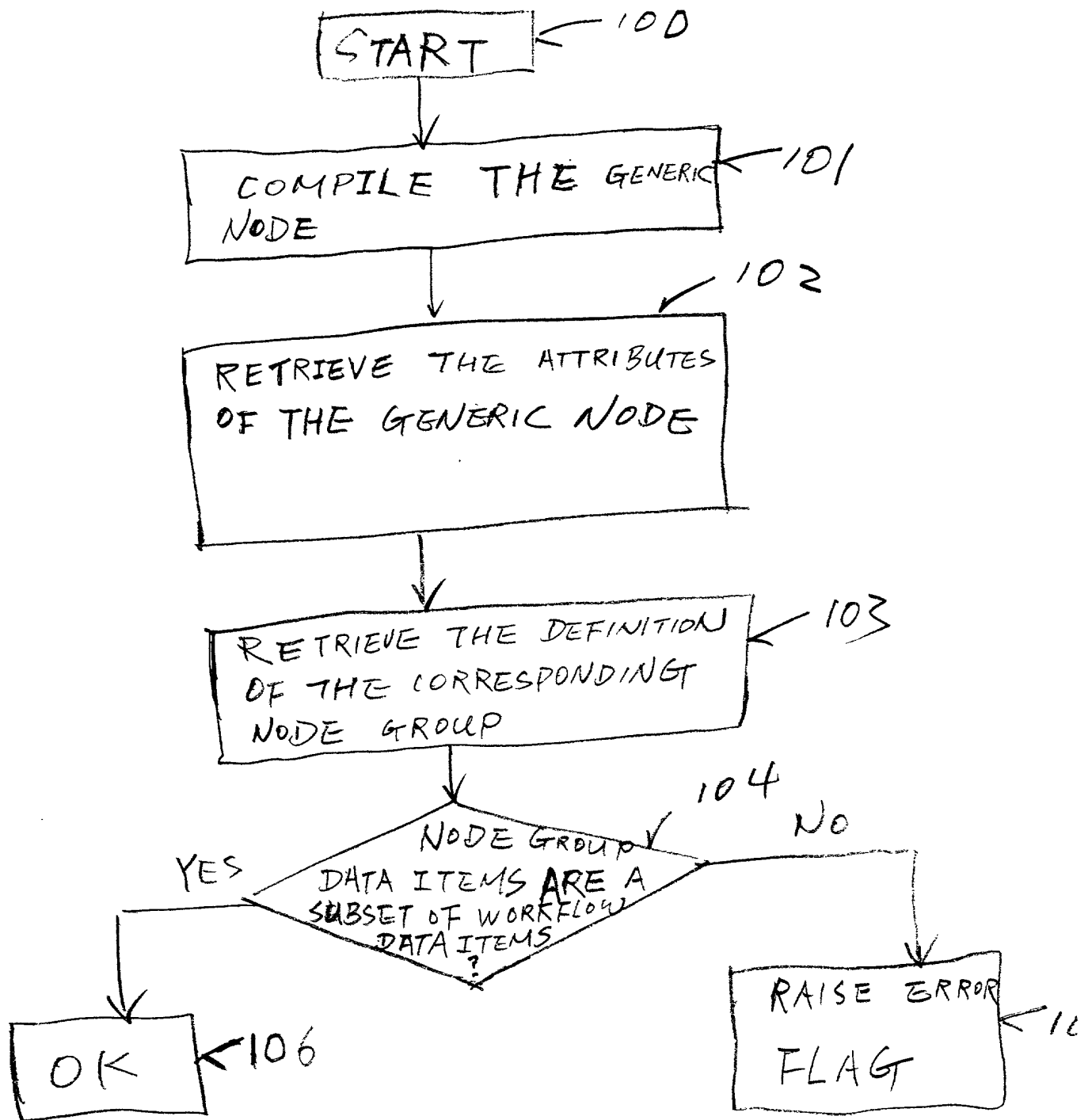


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